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12	In the Matter of the Accusation Against:	Case No. 1B-2006-174386	
13 14	IGOR STRUGATSKY, D.P.M. 4677 Da Vinci Street San Diego, CA 92130	DEFAULT DECISION AND ORDER	
15	Podiatric Medicine Certificate No. E-4369	[Gov. Code, §11520]	
16	Respondent.		
17	FINDINGS OF	FFACT	
1.8		07, Complainant James Rathlesberger, in his	
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20	official capacity as the Executive Officer of the Boa		
21	Accusation No. 1B-2006-174386 against IGOR ST	RUGATSKY, D.P.M. (Respondent) before	
22	the Board of Podiatric Medicine (Exhibit A).		
23	2. On or about October 31, 200	1, the Board issued Podiatric Medicine	
24	Certificate No. E-4369 to Respondent. The Podiatric Medicine Certificate No. E-4369 expired		
25	on October 31, 2007. (Exhibit B).		
26	3. On or about December 6, 200	07, the Medical Board of California sent via	
27	certified mail a copy of the Accusation No. 1B-200	6-174386, Statement to Respondent, Notice	
	of Defense, Request for Discovery, and Governmen	nt Code sections 11507.5, 11507.6, and	
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11507.7 to Respondent's address of record with the Board, which was and is 7301 Gerard Avenue, La Jolla, CA 92037-5125.

- 4. On or about December 17, 2007, the Medical Board received a notice from the United States Post Office (USPS) that the accusation and related documents listed in Paragraph 3 were undeliverable as addressed. (Exhibit C).
- 5. On or about December 20, 2007, Valerie Moore from the Medical Board of California sent via certified mail a copy of the Accusation No. 1B-2006-174386, Statement to Respondent, Notice of Defense form (2 copies), Request for Discovery, Government Code sections 11507.5, 11507.6, and 11455.10, 11507.7, Notification Regarding Section 14124.12 of the Welfare & Institution Code; and the Board of Podiatric Medicine's "A Manual of Disciplinary Guidelines and Model Disciplinary Orders." These materials were mailed to 4677 Da Vinci Street, San Diego, CA 92130, which is Respondent's residential address according to the Department of Motor Vehicles. The certified mail tracking number was 70070710000107445126. (Exhibit D). This mail was delivered to Respondent on or about December 22, 2007. (Exhibit E).
- 6. On or about December 21, 2007, Deputy Attorney General (DAG) Michael S. Cochrane spoke to Respondent via telephone. Respondent informed DAG Cochrane his address of record with the Board of Podiatric Medicine is no longer valid, and that he had not received the accusation and related materials. Respondent stated he receives his mail at 4677 Da Vinci Street, San Diego, CA 92130. (Exhibit F).
- 7. On or about December 21, 2007, Sandra Sotelo, secretary to DAG Cochrane, mailed to Respondent at the address 4677 Da Vinci Street, San Diego, CA 92130, a copy of the Accusation No. 1B-2006-174386, Statement to Respondent, Notice of Defense, Request for Discovery, and Government Code sections 11507.5, 11507.6, and 11507.7, via certified mail. (Exhibit G). The certified mail tracking number was 71603901984532761503. (Exhibit G). These materials were delivered on December 22, 2007. (Exhibit H).
- 8. On January 30, 2008, DAG Cochrane spoke with Respondent via telephone. Respondent told DAG Cochrane he received the accusation and related materials,

but that he did not intend to present a defense. DAG Cochrane informed Respondent that his failure to submit a Notice of Defense would result in a default judgment and revocation of his license, and Respondent stated he understood. (Exhibit F).

- 9. Service of the Accusation was effective as a matter of law under the provisions of Government Code section 11505, subdivision (c).
 - 10. Government Code section 11506 states, in pertinent part:
- "(c) The respondent shall be entitled to a hearing on the merits if the respondent files a notice of defense, and the notice shall be deemed a specific denial of all parts of the accusation not expressly admitted. Failure to file a notice of defense shall constitute a waiver of respondent's right to a hearing, but the agency in its discretion may nevertheless grant a hearing."
- 11. Respondent failed to file a Notice of Defense within 15 days after service upon him of the Accusation, and therefore waived his right to a hearing on the merits of Accusation No. 1B-2006-174386.
 - 12. California Government Code section 11520 states, in pertinent part:
 - "(a) If the respondent either fails to file a notice of defense or to appear at the hearing, the agency may take action based upon the respondent's express admissions or upon other evidence and affidavits may be used as evidence without any notice to respondent."
 - 13. Business and Professions Code section 118, subdivision (b) states,

"The suspension, expiration, or forfeiture by operation of law of a license issued by a board in the department, or its suspension, forfeiture, or cancellation by order of the board or by order of a court of law, or its surrender without the written consent of the board, shall not, during any period in which it may be renewed, restored, reissued, or reinstated, deprive the board of its authority to institute or continue a disciplinary proceeding against the licensee upon any ground provided by law or to enter an order suspending or revoking the license or otherwise taking disciplinary action against the licensee on any such ground."

14. Pursuant to its authority under Government Code section 11520, the Board finds Respondent is in default. The Board will take action without further hearing and, based on Respondent's express admissions by way of default and the evidence before it contained in attached exhibits A, B, C, D, E, F, G, and H, finds that the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 1B-2006-174386, and each of them, separately and severably, are true and correct.

DETERMINATION OF ISSUES

- Based on the foregoing findings of fact, Respondent IGOR
 STRUGATSKY, D.P.M., has subjected his Podiatric Medicine Certificate No. E-4369 to discipline.
- 2. A true and correct copy of the Accusation and the related documents and Declaration of Service are attached.
 - 3. The agency has jurisdiction to adjudicate this case by default.
- 4. The Board is authorized to revoke Respondent's Podiatric Medicine Certificate based upon the following violations alleged in the Accusation:
 - a. Conviction of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of a Doctor of Podiatry, pursuant to Business and Professions Code, sections 2222, 2234, and 2497, as defined by section 2236.
 - b. Presentation of a false or fraudulent claim, as defined by Business and Professions Code, section 810.
 - c. Making or signing false documents related to the practice of podiatry, pursuant to Business and Professions Code, sections 2222, 2497, as defined by 2261.
 - d. Acts of dishonesty or corruption substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of a Doctor of Podiatry, pursuant to Business and Professions Code, sections 2222, 2497, and 2234, subdivision (e).
 - e. Discipline imposed by another state or federal agency, pursuant to Business and Professions Code, sections 2222 and 2497, as defined by sections 2205 and

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ORDER

IT IS SO ORDERED that Podiatric Medicine Certificate No. E-4369, heretofore issued to Respondent IGOR STRUGATSKY, D.P.M., is revoked.

Pursuant to Government Code section 11520, subdivision (c), Respondent may serve a written motion requesting that the Decision be vacated and stating the grounds relied on within seven (7) days after service of the Decision on Respondent. The agency in its discretion may vacate the Decision and grant a hearing on a showing of good cause, as defined in the statute.

This Decision shall b	ecome effective on	May 5, 2008	
It is so ORDERED	April 4, 2008		

ALEIDA GERENA-RIOS, MBA President

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EXHIBIT A

ACCUSATION NO. 1B-2006-174386, RELATED DOCUMENTS AND DECLARATION OF SERVICE

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13	IGOR STRUGATSKY, D.P.M. 7301 Gerard Avenue, Suite 202	ACCUSATION
14	La Jolla, California 92037-5125	Accessified.
15	Doctor of Podiatric Medicine Certificate	
16	No. E-4369	
17	Respondent.	
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18	Complainant alleges:	
19	<u>PARTII</u>	<u>ES</u>
20	1. JIM RATHLESBERGER (Co	omplainant) brings this Accusation solely in
21	his official capacity as the Executive Officer of the	Board of Podiatric Medicine (Board).
22	2. On or about October 31, 2003	1, the Board issued Doctor of Podiatric
23	Medicine Certificate Number E-4369 to IGOR STR	UGATSKY, D.P.M. (Respondent). The
24	Doctor of Podiatric Medicine Certificate expired on	October 31, 2007, and has not been renewed
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JURISDICTION

- This Accusation is brought before the Board, under the authority of the following laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code unless otherwise indicated.
 - 4. Section 2222 of the Code states,

"The California Board of Podiatric Medicine shall enforce and administer this article as to doctors of podiatric medicine. Any acts of unprofessional conduct or other violations proscribed by this chapter are applicable to licensed doctors of podiatric medicine and wherever the Medical Quality Hearing Panel established under Section 11371 of the Government Code is vested with the authority to enforce and carry out this chapter as to licensed physicians and surgeons, the Medical Quality Hearing Panel also possesses that same authority as to licensed doctors of podiatric medicine.

"The California Board of Podiatric Medicine may order the denial of an application or issue a certificate subject to conditions as set forth in Section 2221, or order the revocation, suspension, or other restriction of, or the modification of that penalty, and the reinstatement of any certificate of a doctor of podiatric medicine within its authority as granted by this chapter and in conjunction with the administrative hearing procedures established pursuant to Sections 11371, 11372, 11373, and 11529 of the Government Code. For these purposes, the California Board of Podiatric Medicine shall exercise the powers granted and be governed by the procedures set forth in this chapter."

- 5. Section 2497 of the Code states:
- "(a) The board may order the denial of an application for, or the suspension of, or the revocation of, or the imposition of probationary conditions upon, a certificate to practice podiatric medicine for any of the causes set forth in Article 12 (commencing with Section 2220) in accordance with Section 2222.
- "(b) The board may hear all matters, including but not limited to, any contested case or may assign any such matters to an administrative law judge. The proceedings shall be held in accordance with Section 2230. If a contested case is heard by the board

itself, the administrative law judge who presided at the hearing shall be present during the board's consideration of the case and shall assist and advise the board."

6. Section 2234 of the Code states:

"The [Board] shall take action against any licensee who is charged with unprofessional conduct. In addition to other provisions of this article, unprofessional conduct includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- "(a) Violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, assisting in or abetting the violation of, or conspiring to violate any provision of this chapter [Chapter 5, the Medical Practice Act].
- "(e) The commission of any act involving dishonesty or corruption which is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of a [doctor of podiatric medicine]."

7. Section 2236 of the Code states:

- "(a) The conviction of any offense substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of a physician and surgeon constitutes unprofessional conduct within the meaning of this chapter. The record of conviction shall be conclusive evidence only of the fact that the conviction occurred.
- "(d) A plea or verdict of guilty or a conviction after a plea of nolo contendere is deemed to be a conviction within the meaning of this section and Section 2236.1. The record of conviction shall be conclusive evidence of the fact that the conviction occurred."

8. Section 2261 of the Code states:

"Knowingly making or signing any certificate or other document directly or indirectly related to the practice of medicine or podiatry which falsely represents the existence or nonexistence of a state of facts, constitutes unprofessional conduct."

9. Section 2305 of the Code states:

"The revocation, suspension, or other discipline, restriction, or limitation imposed by another state upon a license or certificate to practice medicine issued by that state, or the revocation, suspension, or restriction of the authority to practice medicine by any agency of the federal government, that would have been grounds for discipline in California of a license under this chapter, shall constitute grounds for disciplinary action for unprofessional conduct against the licensee in this state."

- 10. Section 118 of the Code states:
- "(a) The withdrawal of an application for a license after it has been filed with a board in the department shall not, unless the board has consented in writing to such withdrawal, deprive the board of its authority to institute or continue a proceeding against the applicant for the denial of the license upon any ground provided by law or to enter an order denying the license upon any such ground.
- "(b) The suspension, expiration, or forfeiture by operation of law of a license issued by a board in the department, or its suspension, forfeiture, or cancellation by order of the board or by order of a court of law, or its surrender without the written consent of the board, shall not, during any period in which it may be renewed, restored, reissued, or reinstated, deprive the board of its authority to institute or continue a disciplinary proceeding against the licensee upon any ground provided by law or to enter an order suspending or revoking the licensee or otherwise taking disciplinary action against the licensee on any such ground.
- "(c) As used in this section, 'board' includes an individual who is authorized by any provision of this code to issue, suspend, or revoke a license, and 'license' includes 'certificate,' 'registration,' and 'permit.'"
 - 11. Section 141 of the Code states:
- "(a) For any licensee holding a license issued by a board under the jurisdiction of the department, a disciplinary action taken by another state, by any agency of the federal government, or by another country for any act substantially related to the practice

regulated by the California license, may be a ground for disciplinary action by the respective state licensing board. A certified copy of the record of the disciplinary action taken against the licensee by another state, an agency of the federal government, or another country shall be conclusive evidence of the events related therein.

- "(b) Nothing in this section shall preclude a board from applying a specific statutory provision in the licensing act administered by that board that provides for discipline based upon a disciplinary action taken against the licensee by another state, an agency of the federal government, or another country."
 - 12. Section 810 of the Code states:
- "(a) It shall constitute unprofessional conduct and grounds for disciplinary action, including suspension or revocation of a license or certificate, for a health care professional to do any of the following in connection with his or her professional activities:
- "(1) Knowingly present or cause to be presented any false or fraudulent claim for the payment of a loss under a contract of insurance.
- "(2) Knowingly prepare, make, or subscribe any writing, with intent to present or use the same, or to allow it to be presented or used in support of any false or fraudulent claim.
- "(b) It shall constitute cause for revocation or suspension of a license or certificate for a health care professional to engage in any conduct prohibited under Section 1871.4 of the Insurance Code or Section 549 or 550 of the Penal Code.

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- "(d) As used in this section, health care professional means any person licensed or certified pursuant to this division, or licensed pursuant to the Osteopathic Initiative Act, or the Chiropractic Initiative Act.
 - 13. Section 2497.5 of the Code states:
- "(a) The board may request the administrative law judge, under his or her proposed decision in resolution of a disciplinary proceeding before the board, to direct

any licensee found guilty of unprofessional conduct to pay to the board a sum not to exceed the actual and reasonable costs of the investigation and prosecution of the case."

- "(b) The costs to be assessed shall be fixed by the administrative law judge and shall not in any event be increased by the board. When the board does not adopt a proposed decision and remands the case to an administrative law judge, the administrative law judge shall not increase the amount of any costs assessed in the proposed decision.
- "(c) When the payment directed in the board's order for payment of costs is not made by the licensee, the board may enforce the order for payment by bringing an action in any appropriate court. This right of enforcement shall be in addition to any other rights the board may have as to any licensee directed to pay costs.
 - "(d) In any judicial action for the recovery of costs, proof of the board's decision shall be conclusive proof of the validity of the order of payment and the terms for payment.
- "(e)(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), the board shall not renew or reinstate the license of any licensee who has failed to pay all of the costs ordered under this section.

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FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION

(Conviction of a Crime Substantially Related to the Qualifications, Functions, and Duties of a Podiatric Doctor)

- 14. Respondent has subjected his Podiatric Medicine Certificate No. E-4369 to disciplinary action under sections 2222, 2234, and 2497, as defined by section 2236, of the Code, in that he has been convicted of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of a doctor of podiatry. The circumstances are as follows:
- 15. On or about August 25, 2004, in the case entitled *Commonwealth of Kentucky* v. *Igor Strugatsky*, Indictment No. 04-CR-162, the grand jury for the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Pulaski Circuit Court, filed an indictment against Respondent. This indictment

alleged a single charge: that between January 1, 1998 and July 31, 2002, Respondent knowingly and wantonly devised and engaged in a scheme or artifice to obtain payments from the Kentucky Medical Assistance Program (KMAP), by drafting and submitting false claims for orthopedic shoes and/or shoe inserts in excess of \$300 to the administrator of the KMAP, where he knew or should have known that he was billing for and seeking to be paid multiple times for the same service or where he was billing for and seeking payment for services he did not perform at all.

- 16. On or about July 21, 2005, Respondent plead guilty to Section 532.045 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes (KRS), a Class D felony.
 - 17. KRS §532.045 states,
 - "(1) No person shall knowingly or wantonly devise a scheme or plan a scheme or artifice, or enter into an agreement, combination, or conspiracy to obtain or aid another in obtaining payments from any medical assistance program under this chapter by means of any fictitious, false, or fraudulent application, claim, report, or document submitted to the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, or intentionally engage in conduct which advances the scheme or artifice.
 - "(2) No person shall intentionally, knowingly, or wantonly make, present, or cause to be made or presented to an employee or officer of the Cabinet for Health and Family Services any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement, representation, or entry in any application, claim, report, or document used in determining rights to any benefit or payment.
 - "(3) No person shall, with intent to defraud, knowingly make, or induce, or seek to induce the making of a false statement or false representation of a material fact with respect to the conditions or operations of an institution or facility in order that the institution or facility may qualify, upon initial certification or upon recertification, as a hospital, skilled-nursing facility, intermediate-care facility, home-health agency, or other provider of services to the Medical Assistance Program.
 - "(4) No person shall, in any matter within the jurisdiction of the Cabinet for Health and Family Services under this chapter, knowingly falsify, conceal, or cover up by

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any trick, scheme, or device a material fact, or make any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or representation, or make or use any false writing or document knowing the same to contain any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or entry.

- "(5) Any person who violates subsections (1) and (2) of this section shall be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor unless the sum total of benefits or payments claimed in any application, claim, report, or document, or in any combination or aggregation thereof, is valued at three hundred dollars (\$300) or more in which case it shall be a Class D felony. Any person who violates the provisions of subsection (3) of this section shall be guilty of a Class C felony. Any person who violates the provisions of subsection (4) of this section shall be guilty of a Class D felony."
- 18. With his guilty plea, the Kentucky Court granted the Commonwealth's motion to place Respondent in a pre-trial diversion program for a six-month period with numerous conditions. The Court advised Respondent that upon completion of Pretrial Diversion, the charge will be designated as Dismissed-Diverted and he could then petition the Court for expungement of the record. The Court further ordered that if Respondent fails to complete Pretrial Diversion and voids the agreement, the Court could impose a sentence of up to one year imprisonment, or the Court may permit Respondent to withdraw his plea.

SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Presentation of False or Fraudulent Claim)

- 19. Respondent has further subjected his Podiatric Medicine Certificate No.

 E-4369 to disciplinary action under section 810 of the Code in that he knowingly presented a false or fraudulent claims for payment with the intent to present and use the same, or to allow it to be presented or used in support of a false or fraudulent claims for payment. The circumstances are as follows:
- 20. Paragraphs 15, 16, 17, and 18, above, are hereby incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Making or Signing False Documents Related to the Practice of Podiatry)

- 21. Respondent has further subjected his Podiatric Medicine Certificate

 Number E-4369 to disciplinary action under sections 2222 and 2497, as defined by section 2261,

 of the Code, in that he made or signed a document directly or indirectly related to the practice of

 podiatry which falsely represented the existence or nonexistance of a state of facts. The

 circumstances are as follows:
- 22. Paragraphs 15, 16, 17, and 18, above, are hereby incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION

(Acts of Dishonesty or Corruption Substantially Related to the Qualifications, Functions or Duties of a Doctor of Podiatry)

- 23. Respondent has further subjected his Podiatric Medicine Certificate No. E-4359 to disciplinary action under sections 2222 and 2497, as defined by section 2234, subdivision (e) of the Code, in that has committed in acts of dishonesty or corruption which are substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of a doctor of podiatry. The circumstances are as follows:
- 24. Paragraphs 15, 16, 17, and 18, above, are hereby incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

FIFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION

(Discipline Imposed by Another State or Federal Agency)

- 25. Respondent has further subjected his Podiatric Medicine Certificate

 Number E-4369 to disciplinary action under sections 2222 and 2497, as defined by sections 2205

 and 141 of the Code, in that his authority to practice podiatry has been limited, suspended, or
 restricted by another state or by an agency of the federal government for conduct that would have
 also been grounds for disciplinary action in California. The circumstances are as follows:
- 26. Paragraphs 15, 16, 17, and 18, above, are hereby incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

1	27. Respondent has been excluded from participation in the Medicare,
2	Medicaid, and all federal health care programs, effective April 20, 2006, for a period of five
3	years.
4	<u>PRAYER</u>
5	WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein
6	alleged, and that following the hearing, the Board issue a decision:
7	1. Revoking or suspending Podiatric Medicine Certificate Number E-4369,
8	issued to Igor Strugatsky, D.P.M.
9	2. Ordering Igor Strugatsky, D.P.M. to pay the Board the reasonable costs of
10	the investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Business and Professions Code
11	section 2497.5; and,
12	3. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.
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14	DATED: December 6, 2007
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17	JIM RATHLESBERGER Executive Officer
18	Board of Podiatric Medicine State of California
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IGOR STRUGATSKY, D.P.M.	NOTICE OF DEFENSE
Responder	nt. [Gov. Code §§ 11505 and 11506]
I, the undersigned Respondent in the above-copy of the Accusation; Statement to Respondent; C 11507.7, Complainant's Request for Discovery; and	entitled proceeding, hereby acknowledge receipt of a Government Code sections 11507.5, 11507.6 and two copies of a Notice of Defense.
I hereby request a hearing to permit me to produce Accusation.	resent my defense to the charges contained in the
DATED:	
Respondent's Name	
Respondent's Signature	
Respondent's Mailing Address	
City, State and Zip Code	
Respondent's Telephone Number	
Check appropriate box:	
☐ I am represented by counsel, whose name, a	address and telephone number appear below:
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The agency taking the action described in the assist the administrative law judge in reaching an a	he Accusation may have formulated guidelines to appropriate penalty. You may obtain a copy of the

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guidelines by requesting them from the agency in writing.

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16	TO RESPONDENT:	
17		ment Code of the State of California, parties
.18	to an administrative hearing, including the Complain	nant, are entitled to certain information
19	concerning the opposing party's case. A copy of the	
. 20	Government Code concerning such rights is include	d among the papers served.
21	PURSUANT TO SECTION 11507.6	OF THE GOVERNMENT CODE, YOU
22	ARE HEREBY REQUESTED TO:	
23	1. Provide the names and addresses of v	
24	Respondent, including, but not limited to, those inte	ended to be called to testify at the hearing, and
25	li ·	plainant to inspect and make a copy of any of
26	the following in the possession or custody or under	control of the Respondent:
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28	administrative pleading, or in any additional	l pleading, when it is claimed that the act or
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omission of the Respondent as to this person is the basis for the administrative proceeding;

- b. A statement pertaining to the subject matter of the proceeding made by any party to another party or persons;
- c. Statements of witnesses then proposed to be called by the Respondent and of other persons having personal knowledge of the acts, omissions or events which are the basis for the proceeding, not included in (a) or (b) above;
- d. All writings, including but not limited to reports of mental, physical and blood examinations and things which the Respondent now proposes to offer in evidence;
- e. Any other writing or thing which is relevant and which would be admissible in evidence, including but not limited to, any patient or hospital records pertaining to the persons named in the pleading;
- f. Investigative reports made by or on behalf of the Respondent pertaining to the subject matter of the proceeding, to the extent that these reports (1) contain the names and addresses of witnesses or of persons having personal knowledge of the acts, omissions or events which are the basis for the proceeding, or (2) reflect matters perceived by the investigator in the course of his or her investigation, or (3) contain or include by attachment any statement or writing described in (a) to (e), inclusive, or summary thereof.

For the purpose of this Request for Discovery, "statements" include written statements by the person, signed, or otherwise authenticated by him or her, stenographic, mechanical, electrical or other recordings, or transcripts thereof, of oral statements by the person, and written reports or summaries of these oral statements.

YOU ARE HEREBY FURTHER NOTIFIED that nothing in this Request for Discovery should be deemed to authorize the inspection or copying of any writing or thing which is privileged from disclosure by law or otherwise made confidential or protected as attorney's work product.

Your response to this Request for Discovery should be directed to the undersigned attorney for the Complainant at the address on the first page of this Request for Discovery within 30 days after service of the Accusation.

Failure without substantial justification to comply with this Request for Discovery may subject the Respondent to sanctions pursuant to sections 11507.7 and 11455.10 to 11455.30 of the Government Code.

DATED: December 4, 2007

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12	In the Matter of the Accusation Against:	STATEMENT TO RESPONDENT	
13	IGOR STRUGATSKY, D.P.M.		
14	Respondent.	[Gov. Code §§ 11504, 11505(b)]	
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]7	TO RESPONDENT:		
18	Enclosed is a copy of the Accusation		
19	Podiatric Medicine of the Department of Consumer Affairs (Board), and which is hereby served		
20	on you.		
21	Unless a written request for a hearing signed by you or on your behalf is delivered		
22	or mailed to the Board, represented by Deputy Attorney General Michael S. Cochrane, within		
23	fifteen (15) days after a copy of the Accusation was	personally served on you or mailed to you,	
24	you will be deemed to have waived your right to a h	learing in this matter and the Board may	
25	proceed upon the Accusation without a hearing and	may take action thereon as provided by law.	
26	The request for hearing may be made	e by delivering or mailing one of the enclosed	
27	forms entitled "Notice of Defense," or by delivering	g or mailing a Notice of Defense as provided	
28	in section 11506 of the Government Code, to		

Michael S. Cochrane Deputy Attorney General 110 West "A" Street, Suite 1100 San Diego, California 92101

P.O. Box 85266 San Diego, California 92186-5266.

You may, but need not, be represented by counsel at any or all stages of these proceedings.

The enclosed Notice of Defense, if signed and filed with the Board, shall be deemed a specific denial of all parts of the Accusation, but you will not be permitted to raise any objection to the form of the Accusation unless you file a further Notice of Defense as provided in section 11506 of the Government Code within fifteen (15) days after service of the Accusation on you.

If you file any Notice of Defense within the time permitted, a hearing will be held on the charges made in the Accusation.

The hearing may be postponed for good cause. If you have good cause, you are obliged to notify the Office of Administrative Hearings, 1350 Front Street, Suite 6022, San Diego, CA 92101, within ten (10) working days after you discover the good cause. Failure to notify the Office of Administrative Hearings within ten (10) days will deprive you of a postponement.

Copies of sections 11507.5, 11507.6, and 11507.7 of the Government Code are enclosed.

If you desire the names and addresses of witnesses or an opportunity to inspect and copy the items mentioned in section 11507.6 of the Government Code in the possession, custody or control of the Board you may send a Request for Discovery to the above designated Deputy Attorney General.

NOTICE REGARDING STIPULATED SETTLEMENTS

It may be possible to avoid the time, expense and uncertainties involved in an administrative hearing by disposing of this matter through a stipulated settlement. A stipulated settlement is a binding written agreement between you and the government regarding the matters

charged and the discipline to be imposed. Such a stipulation would have to be approved by the Board of Podiatric Medicine but, once approved, it would be incorporated into a final order.

Any stipulation must be consistent with the Board's established disciplinary guidelines; however, all matters in mitigation or aggravation will be considered. A copy of the Board's Disciplinary Guidelines will be provided to you on your written request to the state agency bringing this action.

If you are interested in pursuing this alternative to a formal administrative hearing, or if you have any questions, you or your attorney should contact Deputy Attorney General Michael S. Cochrane at the earliest opportunity.

DATED: December 4, 2007

EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Attorney General of the State of California

THOMAS S. LAZAR Supervising Deputy Attorney General

MICHAEL S. COCHRANI Deputy Attorney General

Attorneys for Complainant

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EXHIBIT B CERTIFICATION OF STATUS OF LICENSE



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Medical Board of California

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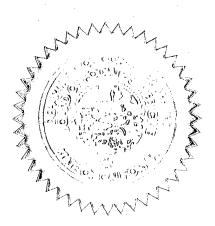


CERTIFICATION

I, JAMES H. RATHLESBERGER, Executive Officer for the Board of Podiatric Medicine and official custodian of the record for the Board of Podiatric Medicine do hereby certify that Igor D. Strugatsky, DPM (D.O.B. 11/01/1946) with the present address of record being 7301 Gerard Avenue, Suite 202, La Jolla, CA, graduated from the California College of Podiatric Medicine in 1993 with the degree of Doctor of Podiatric Medicine. He was issued license number E-4369 to practice podiatric medicine in the state of California on 10/31/2001. The license expired on 10/31/2007. This license is currently on inactive status. No disciplinary action has been taken against this license; however, an Accusation was filed on December 06, 2007.

DATED: March 12, 2007

Respectfully submitted,



JAMES H. RATHLESBERGE Executive Officer Board of Podiatric Medicine

EXHIBIT C COPY OF ENVELOPE RETURNED BY POST OFFICE

Memorandum

To:

Michael S. Cochrane

Deputy Attorney General

San Diego

Date:

December 20, 2007

File No.:

1B-2006-174386

From:

Valerie Moore

Medical Board of California Discipline Coordination Unit

Subject:

IGOR STRUGATSKY, D.P.M.

Enclosed is the original:

(X) DECLARATION OF SERVICE

() ACCUSATION

() PETITION TO REVOKE PROBATION

() STATEMENT OF ISSUES

Address of Service:

4677 Da Vinci Street

San Diego, CA 92130

OTHER COMMENTS: Please be advised that the certified mail envelope containing a copy of the Accusation and related documents, which was mailed to Dr. Strugatsky's address of record on October 17, 2007, was returned to the Board marked "undeliverable as addressed" (copy enclosed). A Department of Motor Vehicle index for California was requested and received. The California DMV report revealed that Dr. Strugatsky has a current California Driver's License, which expires on January 11, 2012, and a mailing address of: 4677 Da Vinci Street, San Diego, CA 92130. A copy of the Accusation and related documents was served on Dr. Strugatsky, at the aforementioned address, by way of certified mail.

Valerie Moore

Associate Analyst - Discipline Coordination Unit

Enforcement Program

Telephone ATSS 8-435-2639 OR (916) 263-2639

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Attach this card to the back of the mailpiece, or on the front if space permits.

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EXHIBIT D

DECLARATION OF SERVICE BY CERTIFIED AND FIRST CLASS MAIL AND CERTIFIED MAIL RECEIPT – VALERIE MOORE

DECLARATION OF SERVICE BY CERTIFIED AND FIRST CLASS MAIL

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

IGOR STRUGATSKY, D.P.M.

FILE NO. 1B-2006-174386

I, the undersigned, declare that I am over 18 years of age and not a party to the within cause; my business address is 1430 Howe Avenue, Sacramento, California 95825. I served a true copy of the attached:

STATEMENT TO RESPONDENT; ACCUSATION; REQUEST FOR DISCOVERY; GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 11507.5, 11507.6, 11507.7 and 11455.10; NOTICE OF DEFENSE FORM (2 COPIES); NOTIFICATION REGARDING SECTION 14124.12 OF THE WELFARE & INSTITUTION CODE; AND BOARD OF PODIATRIC MEDICINE'S "A MANUAL OF DISCIPLINARY GUIDELINES AND MODEL DISCIPLINARY ORDERS"

by U.S. certified or first class mail on each of the following, by placing same in an envelope (or envelopes) addressed (respectively) as follows:

NAME AND ADDRESS

CERTIFICATION #

Igor Strugatsky, D.P.M. 4677 Da Vinci Street San Diego, CA 92130 7007 0710 0001 0744 5126

Each said envelope was then, on **December 20**, **2007**, sealed and deposited in the United States mail at Sacramento, California, the county in which I am employed, either as certified mail or first class U.S. mail with the postage thereon fully prepaid and return receipt requested for the certified mail.

Executed on December 20, 2007, at Sacramento, California.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Valerie Moore, Declarant

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EXHIBIT E

USPS RETURN RECIPT "GREEN CARD"; USPS TRACK AND CONFIRM, 7007 0710 0001 0744 5126

MEMORANDUM

DATE:	December 31, 2007	
TO:	MICHAEL COCHRANE Deputy Attorney General San Diego Arlene Krysinski Legal Desk - 8-435-2451 MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA	
SUBJECT: _	IGOR STRUGATSKY, M.D. File: 1B-20	06-174386
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() Propos	sed Decision (Not adopted yet - FYI)	
() Notice	of Oral Argument	
() Notice	e of Defense	
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EXHIBIT F DECLARATION OF MICHAEL COCHRANE

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1	EDMUND G. BROWN JR.,	
2	Attorney General of the State of California THOMAS S. LAZAR	
3	Supervising Deputy Attorney General MICHAEL S. COCHRANE, State Bar No. 185730 Deputy Attorney General	
4	110 West "A" Street, Suite 1100 San Diego, CA 92101	
5	P.O. Box 85266	
6	San Diego, CA 92186-5266 Telephone: (619) 645-2074	
7	Facsimile: (619) 645-2061	
. 8	Attorneys for Complainant	
9	BEFORE 7	rhr
10	BOARD OF PODIATE DEPARTMENT OF CON	RIC MEDICINE
11	STATE OF CAL	
12	In the Matter of the Accusation Against:	Case No. 1B-2006-174386
13	IGOR STRUGATSKY, D.P.M.	DECLARATION OF MICHAEL
14	7301 Gerard Avenue, Suite 202 La Jolla, California 92037-5125	COCHRANE
15	Doctor of Podiatric Medicine Certificate	•
16	No. E-4369	
17	Respondent.	
18	I, Michael Cochrane, declare:	
19	1. I am a deputy attorney general for the	e State of California assigned to the Health
20	Quality Enforcement Section. I make this declaration	on in my official capacity and not otherwise.
21	2. I have personal knowledge, or inform	nation and belief, to the facts set forth herein.
22	3. I have been assigned as the primary	deputy attorney general responsible for the
23	above entitled matter against Igor Strugatsky, D.P.N	1. (hereinafter, Respondent).
24	3. On or about December 21, 2007, I ca	illed Respondent at the number provided by
25	the investigator from the Medical Board of Californ	ia. I spoke to a man who identified himself
26	as Dr. Igor Strugatsky. Dr. Strugatsky informed me	that his address of record with the Board of
27	Podiatry is no longer valid, and that he had not rece	ived the Accusation and related documents
28	mailed to that address. Dr. Strugatsky stated he resi	ides and receives his mail at 4677 Da Vinci

Street, San Diego, CA 92130. I promised to have the materials sent to that address, and I informed Respondent he had to complete and mail the Notice of Defense form that would be included with the documents in order to avoid a default judgment.

- 4. On or about December 21, 2007, I directed my secretary, Sandra Sotelo, to send the accusation and related documents to 4677 Da Vinci Street, San Diego, CA 92130. I additionally included a cover letter, which stated Respondent had to return the Notice of Defense form to avoid a default judgment.
- 5. On or about January 30, 2008, I called Respondent at the number provided by the Medical Board investigator, due to Respondent's failure to send a Notice of Defense. I spoke the same man who I spoke to in the previous conversation referenced in paragraph 3, above, who again identified himself as Dr. Igor Strugatsky. Dr. Strugatsky acknowledged he received the Accusation and related materials, but that he did not intend to present a defense. I informed him that his failure to submit a Notice of Defense would result in a default judgment and revocation of his license, and he stated he understood.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the above statements are true and correct. This declaration is executed in the County of San Diego, California.

Dated: O1/31/08

Michael Cochrane

EXHIBIT G

DECLARATION OF SERVICE BY CERTIFIED AND FIRST CLASS MAIL – SANDRA SOTELO

DECLARATION OF SERVICE

(Certified & First Class Mail (separate mailing))

Case Name: IGOR STRUGATSKY

Board of Podiatric Medicine Case No. 1B-2006-174386

I declare:

I am employed in the Office of the Attorney General, which is the office of a member of the California State Bar at which member's direction this service is made. I am 18 years of age or older and not a party to this matter; my business address is 110 West "A" Street, Suite 1100, P.O. Box 85266, San Diego, CA 92186-5266

I am familiar with the business practice at the Office of the Attorney General for collection and processing of correspondence for mailing with the United States Postal Service. In accordance with that practice, correspondence placed in the internal mail collection system at the Office of the Attorney General is deposited with the United States Postal Service that same day in the ordinary course of business.

On December 21, 2007, I served the attached STATEMENT TO RESPONDENT; ACCUSATION; NOTICE OF DEFENSE (2 copies); REQUEST FOR DISCOVERY by placing a true copy thereof enclosed in a sealed envelope as certified mail with postage thereon fully prepaid and return receipt requested, and another true copy of the STATEMENT TO RESPONDENT; ACCUSATION; NOTICE OF DEFENSE (2 copies); REQUEST FOR DISCOVERY was enclosed in a second sealed envelope as first class mail with postage thereon fully prepaid, in the internal mail collection system at the Office of the Attorney General, addressed as follows:

Igor Strugatsky, DPM 4677 Da Vinci Street San Diego, CA 92130

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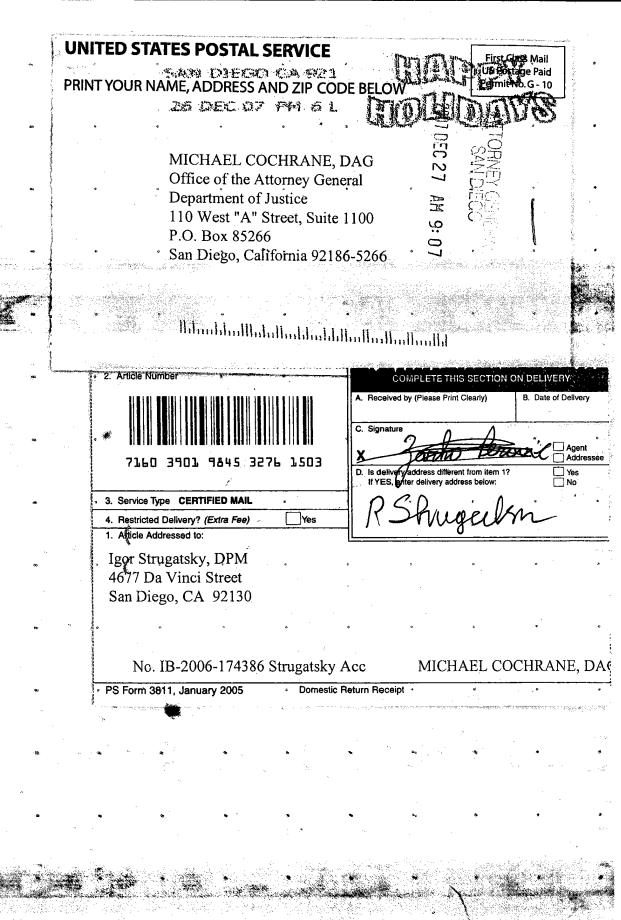
I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration was executed on December 21, 2007, at San Diego, California.

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4	Exhibit D:	Declaration of Service by Certified and First Class Mail and Certified Mail Receipt – Valerie Moore
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